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The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ It was considered that sufficient number of applications had not been received and with a view to get as large a number of applications as possible, it was considered desirable to call for fresh applications.”

MR. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—“ May I know what were the methods that were adopted by the Government for calling in more applications ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ We thought, Sir, that when we advertised in one of the papers in Northern India we would be able to get diplomates of the Tibbi College. That was done.”

Ayurvedic dispensaries under local bodies.

* 754 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Ayurvedic dispensaries working under the local bodies ;

(b) the places where they are working ;

(c) the number of patients that are annually treated by each of these dispensaries ;

(d) persons in charge of these dispensaries and their qualifications ;

(e) whether the Government have received any reports from the local bodies concerned that these dispensaries are working satisfactorily ; and

(f) whether any grants are made to these dispensaries by the Government ?

A.—(a) At the end of the year 1925-26 local boards and municipal councils were maintaining respectively 51 and 26 dispensaries other than allopathic. The Government have no information as to how many of these were *Ayurvedic* institutions.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government have not received any general report on the subject from local bodies. In a few cases local bodies have reported that particular dispensaries of this class were working satisfactorily.

(f) No.

MR. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ With reference to (b), (c) and (d), will the hon. Minister be pleased to call for the information ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ I shall do so, Sir.”

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know, Sir, with reference to (f), whether the Government are not prepared to make contributions to Ayurvedic dispensaries run by the local boards ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ Not at present, Sir.”

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know when they would be prepared for it ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ At present I cannot give any more information than what I have already given. I propose that the whole thing should be considered.”

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"What arrangements has the Minister made for that consideration, may I know, Sir, whether he has appointed a committee or whether he is carrying on considerations in any other manner?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"I think, Sir, I said at the previous meeting of the Council that the Government were intending to depute the Principal of School of Indian Medicine to report to the Government about the action taken in other provinces in India and if this inspection is made and the report is received, the Government will then be in a position to consider the matter."

Alleged prohibition of parents from staying in the General Hospital during nights.

* 755 Q.—Mr. C. VENKATARAMAN NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that guardians or mothers of children even under three years of age admitted as in-patients into the General Hospital, Madras, are not allowed to stay with the children during nights and if so why?

A.—Mothers of breastfed infants are always admitted into the hospital. In other cases the mothers are only admitted when the children are placed on the 'seriously ill' list by the Medical Officer in charge.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know up to what age limit of children mothers are allowed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"The answer gives the information, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"Sir, there may be children of five or six years of age. Even such children are not to be with their mothers unless they happen to be seriously ill. Does it mean that?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"I think the answer is there, Sir."

Public Health

Construction of leper asylums in the Presidency.

* 756 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the increasing number of lepers in the city of Madras and elsewhere;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps for the prevention of a free intermingling of the lepers with healthy citizens and for their isolation, and if not, why not;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the application of the Leper Act of 1898 to this Presidency and construct suitable asylums for the isolation of lepers and provide for their maintenance; and

(d) whether the Government propose to set apart a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of constructing leper asylums in the necessary localities from out of the Provincial remissions?